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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/809,219
Tomoko NAKAYAMA, et al.
"Method for Synthesis of Nucleic Acids"
Your Reference No.: G13-0301-US
Our Reference No.: OKA-0027; Our File No. 85424-0027
Dear Mr. Okada
Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2002. In accordance with your instructions, we prepared and filed an Amendment in the United States Patent and Trademark Office responsive to the Office Action issued September 17, 2002, in the above-identified patent application.

We now await the Examiner's response and shall report further developments as they become available. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Our debit note for services and disbursements will accompany the confirmation copy of this letter, along with a copy of the Amendment, as filed, which will be sent to you shortly by U.S. mail.

Very truly yours,
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